



# WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

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30 June 2020

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summonsed to the Meeting of Wirksworth Town Council on MONDAY 6 July 2020 at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom platform, meeting ID: 834 6150 9710

*Admission of public: If you wish to join the meeting please contact the Town Clerk for full meeting details.*

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

### 2. Members' Interests in Agenda Items

To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Town Council's Code of Conduct.

### 3. Open Forum

Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes; 3 minutes per person

- *Public Forum (At the start of the meeting, a period is available for members of the public to address the Council)*
- *Cllrs with a pecuniary interest making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the business to be transacted*

### 4. Wirksworth Community Response Group

To consider how to harness this community support structure created in Wirksworth in response to government lockdown measures (introduced in March to minimise the spread of C19).

[In Bolehill/Steeple Grange, an existing community group, Bolehill Improvement Group mobilised in response to the situation]

### 5. Emergency Plan for Wirksworth (Cllr Taylor)

To consider whether a plan can be created for the Town, building on the lessons learned from the response to Covid-19.

### 6. Black Lives Matter Protests

In response to recent events at a local, regional and global level

A: That the Town Council adopt a specific resolution to declare itself an anti-racist council and therefore resolve to:

*"Challenge Racism and Inequality at every opportunity*

- *Commit to openly talking about racism within our community, as racism thrives in the company of silence.*
- *Make Wirksworth an anti-racist town through education and community engagement*
- *Work with other Local Authorities and community groups to tackle racism and the causes of racism.*
- *Work with the Police and local Law Enforcement to ensure a no tolerance policy is taken on all hate crime - including hate speech."*

B: Following 2 email enquiries to the Town Council regarding an image in the Black's Head public house:

To engage with landlord of the Black's Head to determine which elements (name/signage/imagery) have been a source of complaints and what steps might be taken to address this.

[It should be noted that the 2 emailed complaints received by the Town Council were not regarding the name of the Public House]

C: To consider a proposal from D Cllr P Slack to support a campaign to lobby the Brewery to rename the Blacks Head pub in Wirksworth, with a suggestion of "Captain Tom".

## **7. Business Resumption Plans**

A: Resolution C009/20 on 18<sup>th</sup> June was that the council would consider the issue of the resumption of the various services and operations of the council at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting July.

These include: Tuesday Market, Barmote Croft Toilet, Play Areas (Kingsfield/Washgreen), occasional lettings at Town & Memorial Halls.

B: Farmers Market is an occasional let and there is a request for a booking before the end of July.

*The clerk had circulated a draft business resumption plan prior to the June meeting providing a suggested approach to each activity.*

## **8. Resumption of Committee Meetings & additional Council Meetings**

To consider when to recommence the Environment and Town Committee and the Finance, Buildings and Personnel Committee meetings. [Resolution C180/19b made in March to cancel meetings until July]

Cllr Taylor has proposed that additional meetings be held in July, and that meetings continue through August during the period which would normally be recess.

## **9. Market Town Liaison (Cllr Jordan)**

To request (as one of the District's market towns) a change in the parking policy of Derbyshire Dales District Council. To call for the introduction of concessions/reductions in the parking charges to actively encourage visitors/residents to use council owned parking in order to support the reversion of the economies of the market towns and especially their retail and town centre businesses.

## **10. Railway Liaison Group (Cllr Taylor)**

Proposal to create a specific group to engage on issues related to the Railway in Wirksworth.

## **11. Climate Change (Cllr Taylor)**

To consider what priorities the council should focus to guide this group.

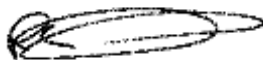
## **12. Remedial Works to Play Areas**

The recent RoSPA annual inspection has identified a number of issues with the play areas at Kingsfield and Washgreen

Washgreen - Reduce chain length on basket swing to ensure a minimum of 400mm ground clearance & remove trip hazard in grass matting below basket swing.

Kingsfield – Rotting timber steps (remove), barked areas overgrown with weeds, replace one timber leg on junior swing, 5m Wetpour safety surface band repair.

The previous repair works to Kingsfield (RoSPA recommendations in 2019 & vandalism) were interrupted by lockdown, and the additional works required at both sites could be combined with previously agreed repairs (to reduce overall day rate costs). The additional works will cost £2745+vat, if undertaken alongside remaining work.



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